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RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 27, 2000, and identified as paper number 5. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

(Amended) A computerized system for tracking healthcare services, making 1. payment to providers for services, and collecting payment from employers and employees for such services, comprising:

a) a payment process for paying an aggregate batch of provider claims for services delivered during a predetermined time period to an employee from an aggregate fund b) a primary funding process coupled to said payment process for replenishing

funds disbursed by said payment process, by receiving funds from the employee's employer and depositing said funds in said aggregate fund;

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